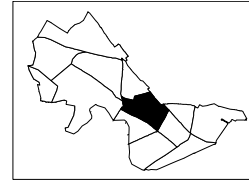


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,285 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

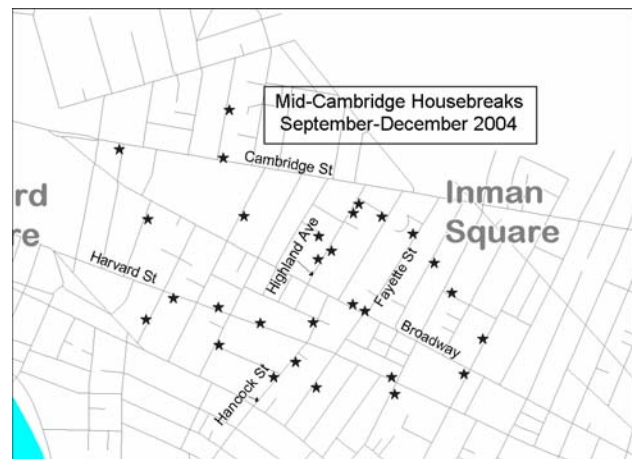
Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, 6C, and Harvard 15

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2000 - 2004

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	79	113	86	114	89
Street Robbery	18	18	18	16	13
Auto Theft	50	49	28	36	36
Larceny from MVs	56	86	129	87	93
Malicious Destruction	90	98	119	83	63
Drug	20	15	16	5	8

2004 YEAR END REVIEW

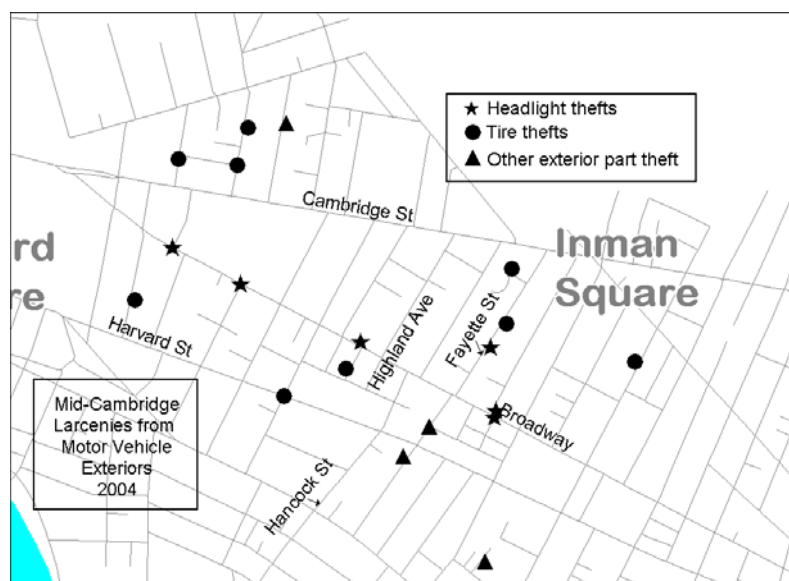
- Mid-Cambridge reports the highest number of **housebreaks** in the City. The number of housebreaks has fluctuated between 79 and 114 over the past five years, but it is important to note that the total number reported in 2004 is 7% lower than the *five year average* of 96 housebreaks per year. The 200-300 block of Harvard Street reported the most activity for a single block with 15 separate incidents. Cambridge, Lee, Trowbridge and Hancock Streets also reported multiple incidents throughout the year. Nearly 35% of the activity took place on Mondays and Tuesdays, most commonly between 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Two on-scene arrests were made, including the arrest of one individual who was caught trying doorknobs and who was also wanted for housebreaks in Somerville.



- The 15 **street robberies** include two separate robberies of victims as they left the ATM at Mass Ave and Temple Street at approximately 1:30 in the afternoon. Based on victim descriptions, different individuals are suspected in each incident. There were three purse snatchings; two occurred on Mondays at 4:30 and 7 p.m. and one occurred on a Saturday evening at 10:30 p.m. The remainder of the incidents were mostly predatory type street robberies, which occurred throughout the year and did not form any specific pattern.

- Mid-Cambridge ranks relatively low in terms of number of **auto thefts** in the City; the 2004 totals were 28% lower than in 2000. Multiple incidents were reported on Cambridge, Dana and Harvard Streets and along Broadway. To date, 60% of the cars have been recovered. The most commonly stolen vehicle in Mid-Cambridge is the Acura Integra, whereas Honda models top the list in most other neighborhoods. Thefts were spread out across the week, but Tuesdays between 5 and 7 p.m. saw multiple incidents.

- **Larcenies from motor vehicles** (LMV's) were the most commonly reported type of major crime in Mid-Cambridge, which ranked second in the city overall in LMV's in 2004. The neighborhood recorded a 6% increase over last year, but is up nearly 66% from 2000. Trowbridge, Harvard and Dana Streets each reported multiple incidents, however they tended to be individual incidents throughout the year rather than short-term spree along specific blocks. Nearly 35% of the LMV's involved a window that was broken to gain entry; this was the most common entry method. Twenty percent of the larcenies were of exterior parts of the vehicles. In 2004, the city experienced LMV patterns involving the theft of Audi headlights and the theft of Honda tires. At least 18 of these incidents occurred in Mid-Cambridge.



were spread throughout the year, targeting different areas and leaving different marks. The most commonly reported type of malicious destruction was smashed car windows or other destruction to a car, for which the department received 20 reports. Saturdays and Wednesdays reported the bulk of this type of activity and multiple incidents were reported along Harvard St.

- Half of the **drug arrests** in Mid-Cambridge occurred along Broadway. Six of the arrests were for possession or sale of marijuana. Two individuals were arrested in one incident for using heroin in a café bathroom on Mass Ave. The final arrest took place after an individual's car was towed after officers found her license was suspended; search incident to arrest uncovered crack paraphernalia and Percocet drugs without a prescription.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1992-2003	Rank '92-'03*	Rank 2004*
Housebreaks	226	1	101	1	1
Street Robbery	49	3	17	5	6
Auto Theft	147	4	57	5	8
Larceny from MVs	198	1	103	2	2
Malicious Destruction	149	1	101	4	9

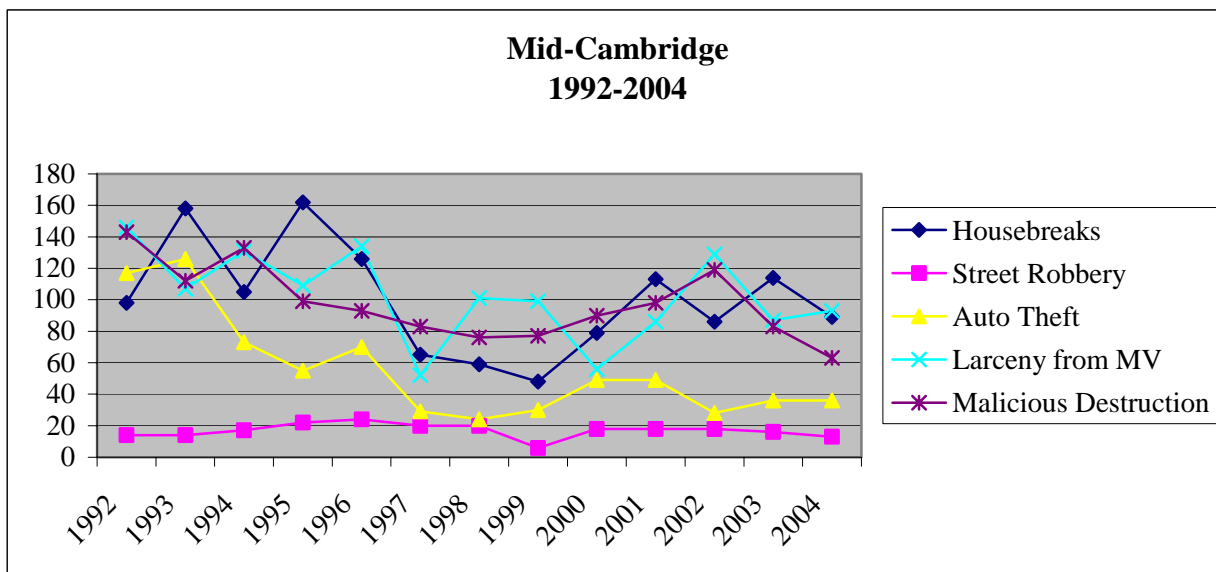
*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. In 1992, burglaries fell below 100 for the first and only time in the previous 30 years. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. The 50% drop in reports of these crimes since the 1980's bespeaks some success.
- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.
- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



2003 YEAR END REVIEW

Housebreaks spiked in 2003 after a decrease in 2002. Thirty-nine housebreaks occurred during the months of September and October alone. The most common method of entry was by prying open the front door. Jewelry and laptop computers were the most targeted items. • Matching the citywide **auto theft** trend, Toyotas and Hondas were the most commonly stolen car makes in mid-Cambridge. The main streets of Broadway and Harvard, and smaller streets linking them such as Prospect and Dana, were the focal point of activity. • There was a significant decrease in **malicious destruction of property** in mid-Cambridge in 2003. Tire slashing incidents constituted 21% of vandalism reports. Thirty-six incidents occurred from the hours of 5:00-11:00 p.m. A spree on a single day in late May, mostly along Antrim and Hancock streets, was responsible for ten incidents. • Four "bully boy" **street robberies** occurred in the neighborhood, all them near the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and the Longfellow School. • Five **drug arrests** were an all-time low for mid-Cambridge. Four arrests were for marijuana possession. • There were a few small **larceny from motor vehicle** sprees, but no major patterns in 2003. Almost two thirds of incidents occurred during the evening hours, and 11 took place on Harvard Street.